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Message-Id: <200304111514.h3BFEC1r025587@sco.theporch.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 10:13:52 CDT
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3476

BOATANCHORS Digest 3476

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     by "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@comcast.net>
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From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <198.188782cd.2bc74e7c@cs.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 18:47:24 EDT

Subject: Re: PL-173 (was FS: ART-13 connector set
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Ian,

Thanks for the plug on the plugs. Actually, the U-10/U (GK-C3-23C-1/2) has original Cannon inserts. Those are (or were a few years ago) still being made so I never had them custom made. :-)

I sent you an email sometime last year asking whether you still needed any PL-173's for the P-51 SCR-522 project. I had acquired a couple of CD-477 cables which are still underfoot beside my desk here. I am pretty sure that the cables themselves were only for the SCR-624 but each has a PL-P173 and a PL-Q173 connector. Plus from somewhere, I came up with another PL-Q173. So there are sitting here on the floor two straight and three right angle plugs if you need them. I'll take them off of the coax or leave the cables intact, you choice (assuming you want them at all, of course).

Actually, now that I think about it, if you don't get any takers (which will surprise me) on the connector set, I'll buy them back from you for your quoted price. I never published this (for obvious reasons) but $50 is less than my cost on most of the maybe 100 sets I've assembled and sold over the past 15 years.

73
Robert Downs
Houston
<wa5cab@cs.com>

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From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <1dd.73c4144.2bc74fb7@cs.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 18:52:39 EDT
Subject: Re: URM-25J Signal Generator
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Dick,

I would have sworn that I had all of the manuals except the "E", and "H" is
as high as the manuals I have go ("G" and "H" are modified "D"). What's the
item number?

In a message dated 4/10/2003 5:20:23 PM Central Daylight Time,
boatanchors@theporch.com writes:
> A "J" version of this great old Sig Gen went on e-bay today. This is
> the latest rev des I have seen. I have a "G" model, but never knew
> they went that high.
> Are there any later versions ?

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Message-ID: <3E963B41.941CED80@cox.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 20:49:21 -0700
From: Dave Hollander <n7rk@cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: For Sale: Sprague Model TO-3 Tel-Ohmike Resistance Capacitance Analyzer
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; x-mac-type="54455854"; x-mac-creator="4D4F5353"
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Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 20:52:04 -0700
From: Dave Hollander <n7rk@cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: For Sale: AN/URM-90 Capacitance-Inductance-Resistance Test Set
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; x-mac-type="54455854"; x-mac-
creator="4D4F5353"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

AN/URM-90 Capacitance-Inductance-Resistance test set.....$140 plus
shipping

This is a self contained unit that can measure the values of resistors,
capacitors and inductors. This unit. It will measure dissipation factors
of capacitors and storage factors of inductors.

This will measure:

       Resistance - 0.1 milliohm to 11 megohms
       Capacitance - 0.1 pf to 1,100 uf
       Inductance - 0.1 uH to 1,100 Henry's
       Dissipation Factor (R/X or D) - 0.001 to 1.05
       Storage Factor (X/R or Q) - 0.02 to 1000

This unit works well and is in excellent condition. It does not have the
cover. It also includes a copy of the manual.

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Message-ID: <3E963CDC.131AB30E@cox.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 20:56:12 -0700
From: Dave Hollander <n7rk@cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: For Sale: AN/URM-25G Signal Generator - US Navy
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; x-mac-type="54455854"; x-mac-
creator="4D4F5353"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

AN/URM-25G Signal Generator - US Navy.....$135 plus shipping

This well built unit covers 10 kHz to 50 MHz in 8 bands. The unit has
been tested and works great. With a frequency range of 10kHz to 50mHz,
400Hz and 1,000Hz AM modulation, and an attenuator calibrated 1
microvolt to 1 volt RMS, this generator makes easy work aligning Collins
R-390, R-388, R-392, Hammarlund SP-600, National RAO, HRO, as well as
WWII military BC-348, BC-312/342 and others. The low frequency range
covers IF's in the 50kHz range for receivers like the SX-88, Drake 2B,
etc. . Does not have any of the accessories that go on the inside cover.
Includes a copy of the manual. This unit is heavy.

Photos
http://members.cox.net/radiostuff9/urm25g3.jpg
http://members.cox.net/radiostuff9/urm25g.jpg
http://members.cox.net/radiostuff9/urm25g2.jpg

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Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 21:00:23 -0700
From: Dave Hollander <n7rk@cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: For Sale: AN/URM-90 Capacitance Inductance Bridge Again
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; x-mac-type="54455854"; x-mac-
creator="4D4F5353"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Forgot the photo links

http://members.cox.net/radiostuff9/urm90.jpg
http://members.cox.net/radiostuff9/urm902.jpg
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http://members.cox.net/radiostuff9/urm904.jpg

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 23:14:33 -0500
Subject: below the Belt(on) and boatanchor burial grounds
Message-ID: <20030410.231434.-813217.2.MNHopkins@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: Michael N Hopkins <mnhopkins@juno.com>

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73 de ab5L, Student of Tecraft and 6M's Golden Age, 1956-58
Michael, MNHopkins@JUNO.com, Box. 226841, Dallas 75222

From: "Richard Dillman" <ddillman@igc.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 22:19:44 -0700
MIME-Version: 1.0
Subject: Additional KMI Photos
Message-ID: <3E95EE00.14754.8584C6@localhost>
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Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

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Click on Refresh or Reload on your browser if you don't immediately see the new pictures.

RD

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Richard Dillman, W6AWO
Member of the Maritime Radio Historical Society
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Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 23:21:11 -0700
Message-ID: <014e01c2fff2$8cd6a180$0100a8c0@SONYDIGITALED>
From: "ed sharpe" <esharpe@uswest.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Additional KMI Photos
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
     charset="iso-8859-1"
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great stuff! thanks for sharing!

ed sharpe
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From: "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@comcast.net>
Subject: Your name... and Big Brother
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <3E96CAB6.679E1783@comcast.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Just for the heck of it, I searched for my name in GOOGLE. Surprise... there were referencs to several postings I had made on BA, contents of BA Digests, my ham call (from which my address is available to the public, etc.etc.) Then, on Switchboard one can find your phone number from your address or ZIP, and it goes on and on. No hacking into private files, it's just there for all to see.

BBIWY

Best not to be paranoid about this, though privacy was once quite precious.

Herb Rosenthal W5AN

PS Try it.

Message-ID: <20030411142812.17608.qmail@mellon.com>
Content-Class: urn:content-classes:message
MIME-Version: 1.0
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     charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Subject: RE: below the Belt(on) and boatanchor burial grounds
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73, Don Merz, N3RHT

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Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 12:15 AM
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From: Smith <smithab11@comcast.net>
Subject: Dayton 3885kcs Net Notes
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <001e01c30036$f3d71920$daf22144@dover01.de.comcast.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
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I have posted to my web site my personal notes and some photos of the operators of the military WW II HF net that was held last year(2002) at the Dayton Hamvention on Saturday at noon. This net featured HF radios from World War II through the early 1960ís. This was an AM net (with carrier) held on the frequency of 3885 Kcs. The net control was Jim KA8TUR. After the net Joe, WA4VAG and Eric, KD4PCH hosted the group at their space and many group photos were taken.

Breck k4che
http://solo11.abac.com/zorroab1/Dayton%2002%20page%201.htm

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Actually, I think it bodes well for our "hobby"!!

This doesn't really matter except to the "vultures" and "hoarders" who planned to finance their retirement off the appreciation of their Collins stash.

The equipment that I own is for MY enjoyment, and when I no longer need it, it can go to the dump as far as I'm concerned. Hopefully someone will care enough to keep representative examples of these items in museums for the edification of future generations, but if they don't care, I certainly won't.

So as the prices continue to drop, if you see something that catches your eye and you can afford it, buy it! Think of it as going to a movie or a concert. Enjoy it while you can, and when you can't .....

Just don't plan on it being your retirement fund or a financial legacy to your kids!

73, Garey - K4OAH
Atlanta

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Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 11:13:25 -0400
From: "Merz Donald S" <merz.ds@mellon.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Just to be clear on the point: My expectation is that the amount of gear =
coming into the market will exceed the demand for the gear at any =
price--even free. This is why I believe that a lot of BA stuff is headed =
to the dump in the next 15 years.

This process has been going on for some time in the world of BA test =
equipment. And tons of it is being thrown out. Another example, probably =
pretty relevant to the BA situation given their similar weight and =
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radios. You can buy beautiful, working three-dialers and cathedrals for =
next-to-nothing. And the number of active collectors is declining rather =

sharply of late.

Ah well, hope for the best but plan for something less.

73, Don Merz, N3RHT

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From: Garey Barrell [mailto:k4oah@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 10:48 AM
To: Merz Donald S; Old Tube Radios
Subject: Re: below the Belt(on) and boatanchor burial grounds

Actually, I think it bodes well for our "hobby"!!

This doesn't really matter except to the "vultures" and "hoarders" who planned to finance their retirement off the appreciation of their Collins stash.

The equipment that I own is for MY enjoyment, and when I no longer need it, it can go to the dump as far as I'm concerned. Hopefully someone will care enough to keep representative examples of these items in museums for the edification of future generations, but if they don't care, I certainly won't.

So as the prices continue to drop, if you see something that catches your eye and you can afford it, buy it! Think of it as going to a movie or a concert. Enjoy it while you can, and when you can't .....

Just don't plan on it being your retirement fund or a financial legacy to your kids!

73, Garey - K4OAH
Atlanta

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